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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace paragraph [039] on pages 6 and 7 with the following amended paragraph:

[039] Referring now to figures 4A to 6, there is illustrated in more detail the construction of the back rest assembly 12. As herein shown the top back support plate 14 and the lower guide frame 19 are both secured to a tilt bracket 14" and 19' respectively, whereby to adjust the angle thereof relative to a common plane of the backrest assembly. To position the top support plate 14 and lower guide frame 19 to a desired position it is first necessary to free the hinge ~~14'~~ 55 which has been locked by a locking rod ~~55~~ 55' which actuates a locking plate assembly 56. The locking rods are provided with a hand knob, 57 at the end thereof to lock or unlock the lock plate assembly. It is pointed out that these rods may be provided with a chuck instead of a hand operable knob 57 whereby to be engaged by a power tool such as an electric drill whereby, to engage or disengage the linear drives for locking or unlocking the locking plate assembly. The tilt bracket 19' of the lower guide frame 19 is provided with a like locking rod 58 which operates in the same manner.

Please replace paragraph [041] on page 7 with the following amended paragraph:

[041] As is better seen from figures 5 and 6 the cushion extension and retraction mechanism is a cable and pulley mechanism having a cable 70 secured at one end 71 thereof to the free lower end 21 of the backrest cushion 18. As herein shown, a connecting rod, 72 is secured within the free end 21 of the ~~pad~~ cushion 18. The cable 70 is trained about a stationary pulley 73 and the other end of the cable is secured to an associated one of the top back support plate 14 or the central displaceable back support plate 14'. There are, of course, two cable and pulley mechanisms, one for each of the displaceable back support plates 14 and 14'.

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Please replace paragraph [043] on pages 7 and 8 with the following amended paragraph:

[043] With reference now to figures 7 to 9B there will be described the construction operation of the adjustable seat assembly 25. The seat assembly comprises a pair of laterally displaceable seat panels 75 and 75' which are displaceable by a common endless threaded bolt 76 at an engageable free end 77 thereof to impart rotation to the endless bolt. The threaded bolt ~~76is~~ 76 is in engagement with a threaded nut 78 and 78', secured to the ~~panel~~ panels 75 and 75' ~~and nut 78' secured to the panel 75~~respectively. By rotating the bolt 76 the panels move to and away from one another. The panels are ~~also~~ also provided with a guide slot 79 and 79', respectively, through which a guide pin 80 and 80', respectively, is located whereby to maintain the panels in perfect alignment during their displacement. Each panel is also provided with an angled straight front edge 81 and 81' against which the V-shaped rear edge 82 of the frame 29 abuts when the displaceable front guide frame 29 is fully retracted. The displaceable front guide frame has a rounded front edge 83 to facilitate the displacement of the seat cushion thereabout.

Please replace paragraph [044] on page 8 with the following amended paragraph:

[044] As shown in figure 8, the laterally displaceable seat panels 75 and 75' are displaceable over a lower central seat panel 84 whereby to provide a solid support surface for the seat cushion 26 regardless of the position of the laterally displaceable seat panels. The displaceable front guide frame 29 is secured to the lower central seat panel 84 by a pair of space rigid guide rods 85 and 85' to substantially prevent flexing of the front guide frame 29 relative to the seat panels. A drive rod 86 is connected at a front end ~~87~~ to the front guide frame and is in threaded engagement with an immovable frame member 87 secured to the central panel 84 or to a stationary frame member (not shown) whereby to displace the front guide frame to and away from the front edges 81 and 81' of the seat panels. Preferably, as herein shown, the central seat panel is concavely and slightly V-

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shaped and together with the laterally displaceable seat panels constitutes a concave seat support which is more comfortable to the intended user.

Please replace paragraph [049] on page 10 with the following amended paragraph:

[049] Referring now to figures 10 to 14, there will be described in more detail the construction and operation of the multi-position mounting plate 31. The mounting plate 31 is secured to sliding end sections 107 of the telescopic frame through its connecting bracket 108 and the inclined ramp ~~46~~ 41 thereof is provided with a connecting slot 109 which has a transverse extended base which is T-shaped as illustrated by phantom line 110 whereby to receive captive therein and, in sliding-fit the T-shaped connector 111 of the support arm 39 as illustrated in figure 12. The T-shaped connector 111 is also provided with a through bore 112 which provides a connection to the wheel mounting plate or block 31 through equidistantly spaced apart bores 113 provided in one of the side walls, herein side wall 114 on the inside of the connecting slot 109. A fastener ~~112~~ 125 and 125' (see figure 13) is removably secured and in threaded engagement with through bore 112 of the support arm 39. Accordingly, the support arm 39 may be adjustable in height with respect to the seat assembly and by moving it upwardly along the incline ramp ~~46~~ 41 it can be seen that as the support arm is adjusted upwardly it causes the seat to drop in height and also pulls the front casters 38 inwardly permitting an intended occupant to be able to touch the floor with its feet, if necessary.

Please replace paragraph [051] on pages 10 and 11 with the following amended paragraph:

[051] Referring now to figures 13 and 14, it can be seen that the seat tilting mechanism 36 is comprised of a pair of sliding guide plates 120 and 120' which are provided with a frontal horizontal slot 121 and a rearwardly, upwardly inclined rear slot 122. Each sliding guide plate is displaceably connected to a respective mounting plate 123 and 123' which are secured to a support frame member 124. Fastener bolts 125 and ~~126~~

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125' extend through the mounting plate 123, and into the slots 121 and 122 respectively of the guide plates 120 and 120'. Through this guide plate connection to the mounting plates it is possible to tilt the seat and backrest assembly to a desired tilt position after the wheels have been secured to the wheel mounting blocks and also depending on the intended user. Depending on the selected connection of the wheels to the mounting blocks and by releasing a lock mechanism, herein a lock cylinder 126 the chair assembly will tend to position itself with respect to the center gravity axis 37. The locking cylinders ~~126~~ 130 are actuated by a cable 127 which is connected to a foot pedal 128 located rearwardly of the wheelchair. When the pedal is depressed, the tilting mechanism can move and when released it locks automatically. By providing a pedal instead of hand operable levers mounted on the handgrips 47 there is much less of a chance of an accidental disconnection of the brake. Of course, there could be provided two cylinders, each associated with a respective one of the sliding guide plates to provide a more secure lock but this is not essential.